CITY OF MALIBU

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

May 7, 2026



Greetings Malibu,

Across our community, we continue to see the resilience, collaboration, and forward momentum that define Malibu at its best. I am thankful every day for the collaboration between our residents, City Council, staff, partner agencies, and local organizations that continue working together to support this community.

The City continues its focus on recovery and rebuilding. The Community Development Department is guiding and assisting residents through their rebuild journeys with ongoing meetings, technical guidance, and expanded resources through **MalibuRebuilds.org** and the Malibu Rebuild Center.

Continuing community recovery efforts like the PaliBu Recovery Expo on Saturday, May 16, provide valuable recovery information and resources in one location. As we enter warmer and drier months, it is a critical time to focus attention on wildfire preparedness well in advance of fire season. The City recently hosted a community workshop on Malibu's updated Mass Evacuation Plan and continues gathering public feedback through the community survey. Residents are also encouraged to take advantage of upcoming preparedness opportunities, including the Fire Safe Festival and Southern California Edison's Public Safety Power Shutoff preparedness meetings. These efforts help strengthen community awareness and readiness ahead of fire season.

We are also encouraged by continued signs of economic recovery and investment throughout Malibu. Recent approvals for new businesses at Cross Creek Ranch, along with the many ribbon cuttings for new businesses and the groundbreaking of the expanded Malibu Urgent Care facility, reflect ongoing confidence in Malibu's future and long-term resilience.

At the same time, Public Works crews continue advancing important infrastructure, maintenance, and safety projects throughout the city, including Pacific Coast Highway improvements, annual weed abatement, and construction progress at the Permanent Skate Park.

This newsletter also includes a wide variety of community programs, arts events, recreation opportunities, and workshops for residents of all ages as we head into the busy summer season.

Thank you for your continued partnership, engagement, and commitment to our community. Together, we will continue moving Malibu forward and supporting a safe, resilient, and thriving city.

Respectfully,

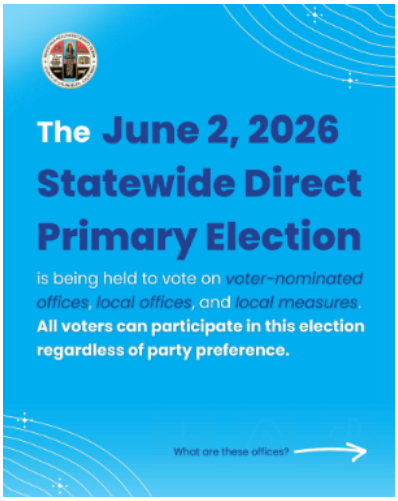
Joe Irvin
City Manager

CITY COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT



City of Malibu City Clerk Receives Statewide Leadership Award

The City of Malibu is proud to share that City Clerk Kelsey Pettijohn has received the 2026 **California Municipal Clerk's Association (CMCA) Leadership Award** at the organization's annual conference in Anaheim. The CMCA Awards of Distinction recognize municipal clerks who have made significant and exemplary contributions to their agency, community, and profession. This honor highlights our City Clerk Team's outstanding leadership and dedication in service to the Malibu community. Please join us in congratulating Kelsey on this well-deserved recognition!



Vote Centers

Ballot Drop Boxes

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Voter Center at Malibu City Hall for Tuesday, June 2 California Primary Election

Malibu City Hall is proud to host a Vote Center for the Tuesday, June 2 California Primary Election. Malibu voters will be able to vote on the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as California and LA County offices and measures.

In-Person Voting (Vote Centers):

11-Day Vote Center: Malibu City Hall, 23825 Stuart Ranch Rd

- Saturday, May 23 – Monday, June 1, 10 AM – 7 PM
- Tuesday, June 2, 7 AM – 8 PM

4-Day Vote Center: Malibu Library, 23519 Civic Center Way

- Saturday, May 30 – Monday, June 1, 10 AM–7 PM
- Tuesday, June 2, 7 AM – 8 PM

Drop Boxes:

Official Ballot Drop Box: Malibu Library, 23519 Civic Center Way

- Available 24/7 through 8 PM on Election Day.
- Official Ballot Drop Boxes opened on Tuesday, May 5. LA County voters can drop off filled ballots at any Drop Box in the County.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

April 22 Zone Captains Meeting



On April 22, City Manager Joe Irvin, Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy, and Assistant Community Development Director Tyler Eaton met with Zone Captains to discuss review tools and support rebuilding pathways. Staff also shared updates to the Malibu Rebuilds website, highlighted California Building Code standards, and reviewed key submittal requirements.

Fire rebuild homeowners can contact their Zone Captain or visit the Rebuild Center for help and guidance. For more information and resources, visit **Rebuilds website**, email **maliburecovers@malibucity.org**, or call 310-456-2489, ext 400.



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PaliBu Chamber Recovery Expo Comes to Malibu Saturday, May 16

Saturday, May 16, 2026
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
23575 Civic Center Way, Malibu
Free, no RSVPs required

The Malibu–Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free PaliBu Recovery Expo for fire-impacted areas.
The event brings together homeowners, renters, business owners, and building professionals with nonprofit organizations and government agencies for practical tools, guidance, and connections to support long-term recovery and resilience — all in one place.

Highlights:
• Connect with architects, contractors, and rebuild experts.
• Access business recovery resources and support.
• Speak directly with City, County, and State agencies.
• Participate in “Ask the Experts” panel discussions.
• Enjoy live entertainment, a Kids Zone, and a Wellness Section.



Upcoming Events

Rebuild Meeting Series

The Community Development Department continues its series of rebuild meetings for families and building professionals in May, June and July to offer resources, assistance, and get feedback on the fire rebuild process. All meetings take place in the City Hall Council Chambers and will be **live streamed on YouTube.**

- Design Professionals Meeting - Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 AM –12:00 PM
- Design Professionals Meeting - Tuesday, June 16, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Design Professionals Meeting - Wednesday, July 15, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

To stay updated on future rebuilding events and meetings, and for fire rebuild information or assistance, visit **MalibuRebuilds.org** or call (310) 456-2489, ext. 400.



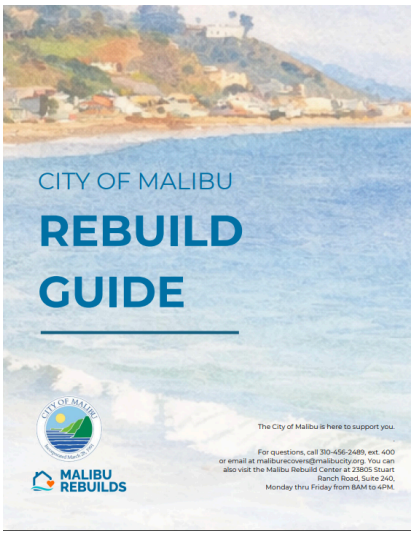
Annual Housing Element Update

At the April 27 City Council meeting, staff presented Malibu's **Annual Housing Element Progress Report**, highlighting housing production, wildfire recovery, and homelessness response. The Housing Element is a state-required plan addressing housing needs at all income levels.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development accepted Malibu's 2025 report and praised its thoroughness. In 2025, the City permitted 49 new housing units, bringing the cycle total to 151.

Malibu also permitted five ADUs in 2025 and is developing a preapproved ADU program. The City reported 46 homeless housing placements, with homelessness down about 70% since 2016.

Learn More



New Start-to-Finish Rebuilding Guide

The Malibu City Council recently adopted the City's new **Start-to-Finish Rebuilding Guide**, a comprehensive resource designed to help property owners navigate the rebuilding process following the Palisades and Franklin Fires. The guide provides a step-by-step overview of the planning, permitting, plan check, and construction process, along with key rebuilding policies adopted by the City and State and with relevant handouts to support wildfire recovery. The guide was developed to improve transparency, simplify the rebuilding process, and provide residents with a centralized resource as recovery efforts continue. The guide is available on the City's website. The City Council also adopted a resolution formally supporting the implementation of the guide and continued coordination of rebuilding and recovery efforts.

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BUSINESS SUPPORT



New Business Openings Highlight Malibu's Resilience and Ongoing Recovery

The recovery of Malibu's local businesses continues to gain momentum. The Planning Commission approved five new businesses at the new Cross Creek Ranch shopping center, and Malibu Urgent Care kicked off construction on their new, expanded facility.

On Sunday, April 26, Councilmember Marianne Riggins, City Manager Joe Irvin, and Community Development Director Yolanda Bundy attended a groundbreaking event to celebrate the start of construction of the new Malibu Urgent Care. Located at the site of the former Malibu Post Office at Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Webb Way, the state-of-the-art medical facility will feature both



CT and MRI scanners. The new facility will significantly enhance Malibu Urgent Care's diagnostic capabilities, enabling them to provide more comprehensive and life-saving care to the community.

While many businesses were forced to close due to the Palisades Fire and the extended closure of PCH, Malibu's local economy continues to show signs of recovery. Dozens of new businesses have opened their doors since then, and many more are on the way.

PUBLIC WORKS



Maintenance Repairs

As part of the Filaree Heights storm drain repairs, maintenance crews replaced a 12-inch Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) that was approximately 60 feet long.

Maintenance crews replaced the last fire damaged section of timbers and decomposed granite sidewalks along Las Flores Canyon.



Annual Weed Abatement

On March 16, maintenance crews began the Annual Weed Abatement Program, in which crews clean up the weeds and vegetation along the shoulder area of the City's public right-of-way. Crews do not clear every parcel since many private property owners handle this independently.

Work started in the Civic Center area and is progressing westward. City crews have completed work in Stuart Ranch Road, Civic Center Way, Malibu Canyon, Malibu Road, Puerco Canyon, and Corral Canyon. Crews are currently working on Latigo Canyon and anticipate completing the project by June 30.



American Public Works Association SoCal Expo 2026

On April 15, and April 16, City of Malibu Public Works staff participated in the **American Public Works Association SoCal Public Works Expo**. The event brought together professionals, industry partners, and decision-makers for two days of education, collaboration and connection. Malibu staff presented and showcased the City's PCH Signal Synchronization Project and Safety Adaptive Improvements, highlighting ongoing efforts to improve safety, mobility and infrastructure along PCH.

Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) in Construction



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Permanent Skate Park Project

The City's Skate Park remains open to the community on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. As a reminder, the Skate Park is closed Monday through Friday as it is an active construction site.

Crews are advancing work on underground utilities, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, the parking lot and the restroom building.



Latigo Canyon Road Retaining Walls Project

As FEMA funding has been capped, the City Council directed staff to work with the consultant to potentially delay construction on this project. The contractor is currently gathering material dimensions for ordering and reviewing projected related submittals. The original schedule was set for March through August 2026.



PCH Roundabouts at El Matador Beach and Encinal Cyn Project

This project was appealed to the Coastal Commission this week. The project scope will be brought to the City Council once the appeal has been resolved.



PCH Right Turn Lane at Trancas Cyn Project

The City received the required Caltrans Encroachment Permit this week. Staff are working on the special conditions that will need to be incorporated into the project. It is anticipated that the construction phase for this project will begin in September.

PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Malibu Statement on Two Pedestrian Fatalities on May 4

The City was notified of two fatal vehicle vs. pedestrian collisions within 16 hours of each other on the same stretch of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) just north of Leo Carrillo State Beach in Los Angeles County, outside the Malibu city limit.

The first pedestrian collision was on Monday, May 4, approximately 4:40 AM. The second pedestrian collision occurred about 8:30 PM the same day. No arrests were made; drivers in both incidents stayed on scene and cooperated with law enforcement.

The City sends its heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of the two people who lost their lives. The City urges all highway users to drive cautiously and watch for pedestrians on PCH, especially at night.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is conducting an investigation and asks that anyone with information about the incidents call CHP West Valley at (747) 373-3000.



Survey

View the livestream

Evacuation Plan Community Workshop

On April 28, the City conducted a Community Workshop on the update of the **City's Mass Evacuation Plan.** The workshop discussed information regarding Malibu zones, how evacuation decisions are made, and what to expect during an evacuation. The community also provided suggestions regarding the draft Evacuation Plan. The Plan is going through final update and review and will be released in the coming months.

The Evacuation Plan survey is still open, and community members are encouraged to share their feedback on the survey.



Learn More

Multi-Agency Evacuation Plan Tabletop Exercise

On April 29, the Public Safety Department conducted the City's tabletop exercise in the Council Chambers with City staff, key stakeholders, and state, county, utility and nonprofit partners as part of the City's update of the Mass Evacuation Plan.

The interactive exercise was based on the scenario of a rapidly spreading wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains. The participants had to respond to numerous realistic challenges over the course of the fictional fire and evacuation. The goal was to increase collaboration and communication, ensure all agencies are familiar with the agencies' various roles, identify challenges, and give feedback on potential areas of improvement.



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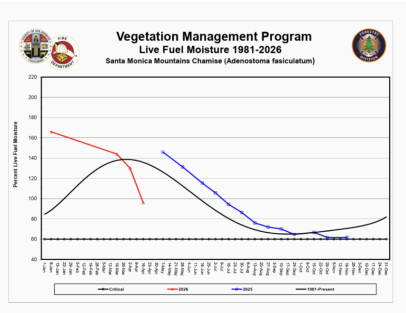
Parking Enforcement Contract Extended

On April 13, the City extended its contract with LAZ Parking, the City's Parking Enforcement Team contractor, for three years. The City's Parking Enforcement Team began enforcement in July 2024 and issued 64,778 citations through February 2026 for violations, including obstruction of roadways, obeying parking signs, blocking fire hydrants, and unauthorized handicap parking. The Parking Enforcement Team works proactively to identify problem areas, inform vehicle owners of their violations through warnings, and build relationships with the local community, in partnership with the LA County Sheriff's Department
and Sheriff's Volunteers On Patrol.

The Parking Enforcement Team has proved to be a valuable public safety asset by significantly reducing the proliferation of RVs along Pacific Coast Highway, positively influencing parking behavior, and ensuring compliance with the California Vehicle Code and Municipal Code.

For any parking inquiries, contact Senior Management Analyst Luis Fores at **lflores@malibucity.org** or (310) 456-2489, ext. 236.

FIRE SAFETY



Weather Is Warming, Vegetation Is Drying Out - Now Is the Time To Get Ready for Fire Season

Malibu's Fire Safety Liaisons monitor fire weather conditions to make sure the City and the community are prepared. They report that due to a warm winter and multiple wind events, the vegetation in the Santa Monica Mountains is drying out more quickly than usual, making for more hazardous fire conditions.

As of April 30, Live Fuel Moisture (LFM) had dropped to 85%, a sharp decline since April 2, when we were still near normal historical levels at 132%. LFM, the percentage of water in live plants, is a key indicator of fire danger. Lower LFM means vegetation is highly flammable, and once a fire starts, it can spread more rapidly. At 80% LFM, we can have large fires if other factors are present, and at 60% or lower, it is considered critical - vegetation will burn as if it is dead.

That means that right now is the ideal time to prepare. Community-wide wildfire preparedness is a shared responsibility of residents, responding agencies, and the City, and the steps you take now can make all the difference.

- Defensible space and home hardening - clear brush and remove flammable materials, including outdoor furniture, wood piles, and dry vegetation from around your home. Cover attic eve vents, sweep off roofs and clear gutters.

- Create or review your family emergency. Identify evacuation routes, set reunification locations, and prepare go bags with medications and essential documents.

Schedule a free Home Wildfire Assessment and learn how to make your neighborhood into a Firewise community by contacting the City's Fire Safety Liaisons at **Firesafety@malibucity.org** or calling (310) 456-2489.

Preparedness Quick Guide

Emergency Alerts City of Malibu

Emergency Alerts LA County

Monitor Fire Weather Conditions



Start Getting Prepared for Fire Season at the Fire Safe Festival

Saturday, May 16, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Wildfire Learning Center at the Malibu Forestry Unit
942 Las Virgenes Rd.
Parking at Tapia Park, with a shuttle available

Join the upcoming 2nd Annual Fire Safe Festival hosted by the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council Saturday, May 16. This family-friendly festival offers an engaging opportunity to learn about wildfire safety and preparedness. Come out to connect with local leaders, explore hands-on activities, and learn more about protecting homes and neighborhoods.

Activities include:
• Wildfire Evacuation Board Game (starts 11 AM).
• Student Art Contest.
• Wildfire Learning Center: Demonstration Home & Garden.
• Free Native Plants.
• Screen Printing, Acorn Art and more!

Learn More & RSVP



Register
Tuesday, May 19

Register
Thursday, May 21

Learn More

SCE Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Virtual Preparedness Meetings

During periods of low humidity, dry vegetation, and high winds, Southern California Edison (SCE) may implement Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) to reduce wildfire risk from electrical equipment. As extreme weather becomes more common, outages may be longer, more widespread, and could impact areas that have not previously experienced PSPS.

To help residents prepare, SCE is hosting two virtual community meetings for customers in High Fire Risk Areas. Topics include how to prepare for outages, available programs and services, support during outages, cost-saving strategies, and emergency preparedness, along with opportunities to ask questions.

Being prepared for potential power outages is an important part of staying safe during fire season.





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Tree and Hedge Maintenance Guidance From Malibu Fire Safety Liaisons

Questions about trees and hedges are common, especially because proper maintenance plays an important role in wildfire safety.

Malibu protects five native tree species: oak, sycamore, alder, walnut, and toyon. A permit is required to trim, relocate or remove these trees if the trunk is more than 6 inches in diameter, measured 4.5 feet above ground. Some exceptions apply, so please check with the City before starting work.

Highly flammable trees, including ficus, pine, cypress, cedar, tree of heaven, and eucalyptus, should not be planted within 50 feet of homes. Palm trees are not permitted for planting. While fire code requires basic clearance, best practices recommend keeping the first 5 feet around your home free of trees and vegetation. From 5 to 30 feet, trees should be spaced so mature canopies are at least 10 feet from structures and 18 feet apart. Regularly trim lower branches and remove dead material to help reduce fire spread. Hedges also matter. City code limits front yard hedges to 3.5 feet and side or rear yard hedges to 6 feet.

For questions or a free Home Wildfire Assessment, contact **Malibu's Fire Safety Liaisons.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Anouncements and Special Events

Summer Program Registration



Monday, May 11
8:00 AM

Upcoming summer programs (running from June through August) include CineMalibu Outdoor Movies in the Park, Learn to Swim Lessons, Summer Day Camps, complimentary wellness workshops, night hikes at Charmlee Wilderness Park, and various teen and senior workshops. Additionally, in Summer 2026, the Community Services Department will launch a new series of inclusive recreation programs, including sensory swimming, and yoga designed to offer accessible activities for people of all abilities.

Register



Memorial Day Holiday Facility Hours

Monday, May 25
8:00 AM

In observance of Memorial Day, Malibu City Hall, the Malibu Senior Center, the Rebuild Center, and the Community Swimming Pool at Malibu High School will be closed on Monday, May 25. City Parks will be open for regular hours, 8:00 AM to sunset.

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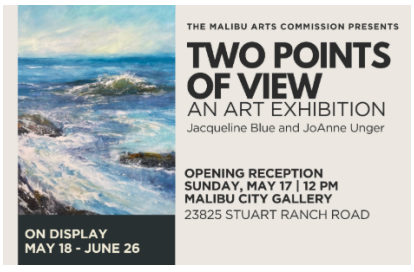


Malibu Library Speaker Series – Annual Poetry Summit

Saturday, May 16
12:00 PM
Malibu City Hall, Civic Theater
Complimentary Admission

The City of Malibu and LA County Library invite community members to attend the 2026 Poetry Summit: Vibrant Cycles, the City's premier annual poetry event, hosted by Poet Laureate Charlotte Ward. There will be readings by local poets and student readers. RSVPs are not required for this complimentary event. Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome.

Learn More



Malibu City Gallery Opening Reception With Jacquelyn Blue and Joanne Unger

Sunday, May 17
12:00 PM
Malibu City Gallery at City Hall
Complimentary Admission

The Malibu Arts Commission will host the opening art reception for Jacquelyn Blue and JoAnne Unger. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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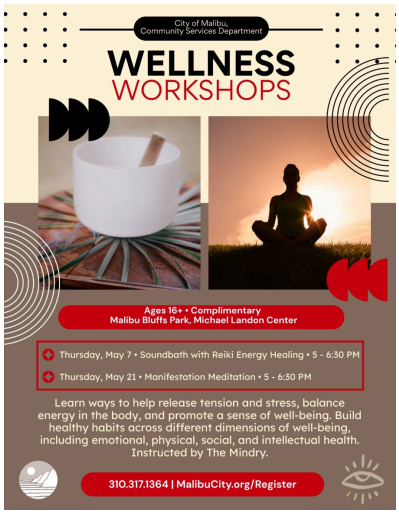


“Morning View Drive” a Staged Reading

Saturday, May 30
6:00 PM
Malibu City Hall, Civic Theater
Complimentary Admission

Enjoy a staged reading of the comedy thriller “Morning View Drive” by Kerry Knuppe that tells the story of an elderly couple who must defend their home against a pair of burglars. Doors open at 6:00 PM, and the reading begins at 6:30 PM.

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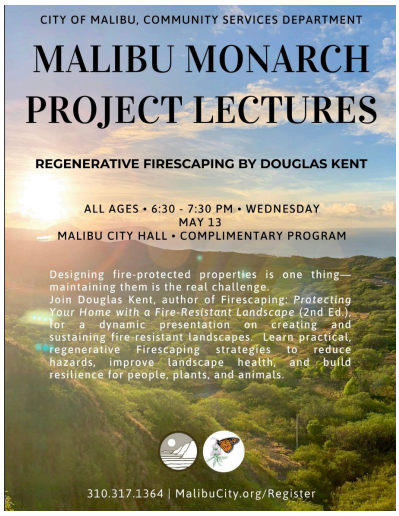


Wellness Workshops

Thursdays, May 7 (Soundbath) and May 21 (Meditation)
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary Admission

The Community Services Department offers a free sound bath on Thursday, May 7 and meditation session on Thursday, May 21 instructed by The Mindry as part of the Wellness Workshop series. Learn ways to release tension and stress, balance energy in the body, and promote well-being.

Register



Malibu Monarch Project Lecture Series – Regenerative Firescaping

Wednesday, May 13
6:30 PM
Malibu City Hall, Civic Theater
Complimentary Admission

The City of Malibu and the Malibu Monarch Project invite community members to learn about the Santa Monica Chaparral and fire ecology with author Douglas Kent. Learn foundational principles of fire protection and how to overcome the barriers to active stewardship and care.

Register



Park Tales – Storytime in the Park "Blooming Books"

Thursday, May 14
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Malibu Bluffs Park, Michael Landon Center
Complimentary Admission

Storytime, snack, and art activity, in partnership with the Malibu Library.

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Dog Obedience Workshop

Friday, May 29
12:00 – 1:30 PM
Malibu Bluffs Park
Complimentary Admission

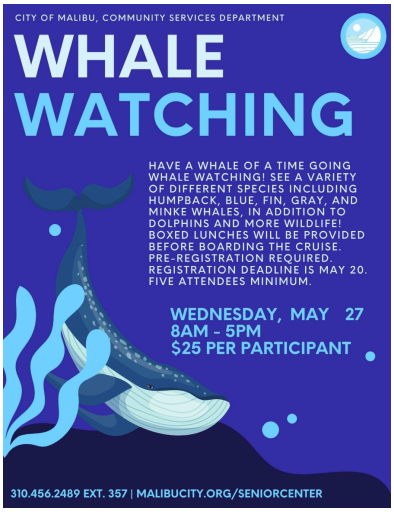
Discover a range of engaging tricks and exercises that delight both dogs and their owners. Using positive reinforcement, learn to strengthen communication, build confidence, and learn new skills together. Instructed by My Best Friend Obedience.



Senior Luncheon – Viva la Vida Loca

Thursday, May 21
12:00 – 1:30 PM
Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room
$5 per person

Enjoy a delicious, healthy lunch, and socialize with friends. RSVP required. For details, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



Senior Excursion – Whale Watching

Wednesday, May 27
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
$25 per person

Each month, take an exciting day trip to a variety of locations throughout Los Angeles County. Pre-registration required by Wednesday, May 20. For details, contact (310) 456-2489, ext. 357.



Summer Recretion Guide & Newsletter Available Online and Mailed to Malibu Households

Explore Malibu's Summer Programs in the 2026 Recreation Guide and Newsletter. **The Guide is now available online** and has been mailed to residents. Programs running June through August include:

- CineMalibu Outdoor Movies in the Park.
- Learn to Swim Lessons (group and private options).
- Summer Day Camps.
- Wellness Workshops with The Mindry.
- Night Hikes at Charmlee Wilderness Park.
- Teen Workshops in Comedy, Photography, Poetry, and Self-defense.
- Senior Center Programs including Chair Yoga, Monthly Excursions, and Tech Help.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY 11
Regular City Council Meeting - Malibu City Hall, 5:30 PM

MAY 14
Community Fire Extinguisher Training - Malibu City Hall, Multi-Purpose Room, 4:30 PM

MAY 19
Fire Rebuilds Design Professionals Meeting - Malibu City Hall Council Chambers / Malibu Civic Theater, 10:30 AM

MAY 26
Regular City Council Meeting - Malibu City Hall, 5:30 PM

MALIBU REBUILDING UPDATES

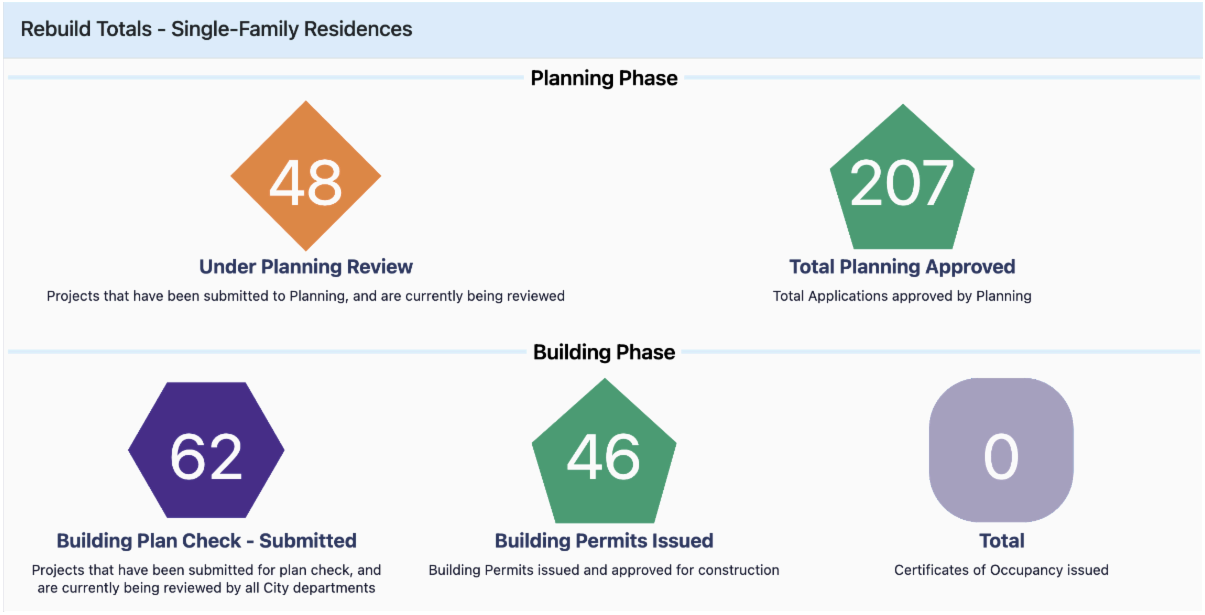
Sign up for the Newsletter **Rebuild Website**

STATISTICS

For more Rebuild information & resources, see the Rebuild website & newsletter

Staff continue to work with homeowners at the Rebuild Center.

- Contact or Visit the Rebuild Center 23805 Stuart Ranch Road, Suite 240 Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Schedule an in-person or virtual appointment **on the website** or call 310-456-2489, ext. 400. Walk-ins are also welcome.



SIGN UP FOR NOTIFY ME!

Sign up for City notifications to receive important updates about emergencies, road closures, community events, public meetings, and more—straight to your phone or email. Stay connected and be the first to know what's happening in your community!

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